



Save the Date and Plan to Join **THE FAITH & POLITICS INSTITUTE**

for the

2014 CONGRESSIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE TO MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA



In the year of

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM SUMMER

MARCH 7-9, 2014

PILGRIMAGE CHAIRMAN

Representative John Lewis (D-GA)

PILGRIMAGE CO-HOSTS

Representative Bennie Thompson (D-MS) • Representative Gregg Harper (R-MS)

Representative Spencer Bachus (R-AL) • Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Participants in previous pilgrimages are familiar with the history of the freedom movement in Alabama and with many of its major figures, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Rosa Parks, and Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth.

This journey offers a comparable opportunity to learn about "the Mississippi theater" of the civil rights movement, events from the murder of Emmett Till in 1955 through Mississippi Freedom Summer in 1964, and leaders such as Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Bob Moses.

Heroic effort and sacrifices in Mississippi in 1964 built momentum toward passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, with the final drama coming on "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, in Selma, Alabama.

The 2014 pilgrimage itinerary traces this history from the Mississippi Delta to Selma, where John Lewis led the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and will lead pilgrimage participants in crossing that bridge again.

More than 170 Members of Congress have joined Representative Lewis on our Civil Rights Pilgrimages, described by many as one of the most valuable experiences they have had while in Congress.

Sketch of Itinerary

Friday, March 7

- ⇒ Fly from DCA to Memphis.
- ⇒ Lunch and orientation at **Ground Zero Blues Club** in Clarksdale
- ⇒ **Mt. Zion Baptist Church** in Money with the story of **Emmett Till** murder
- ⇒ **Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Garden** in Ruleville with the story of Mrs. Hamer and colleagues in the Mississippi Delta
- ⇒ Leave Ruleville for Jackson



Saturday, March 8

- ⇒ **Home of Medgar Evers**
- ⇒ Program and lunch at **Tougaloo College** on Mississippi Freedom Summer with Veterans of Mississippi Civil Rights Movement
- ⇒ **Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church** for presentations on work of **Winter Institute** for Racial Reconciliation and **Mission Mississippi**
- ⇒ Memorial tribute to ministry in MS of the late **Rev. Ross Olivier** from South Africa
- ⇒ Reception and dinner at **Old Capitol Inn**

Sunday, March 9

- ⇒ Leave Jackson for Selma
- ⇒ Worship at **Brown Chapel** and **bridge-crossing** in **Selma, Alabama**
- ⇒ Return flight to DCA from Montgomery, AL

Buses are equipped with audio visual equipment. Relevant footage and feature films will be played during different legs of the journey.

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